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**TO:** Middle and High School Principals

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**SUBJ:** ***Reach and Teach for Learning 2006:  
A Professional Learning Opportunity***

Your building is invited to participate in the *Reach and Teach for Learning* initiative with a team of four (4) or more members.<sup>1</sup>

The **purpose** of *Reach and Teach for Learning* is **to improve learning results for students who are hard to reach and/or hard to teach.**

July 12 and 13, 2006 will serve as the core work session for a collaborative effort that will continue through June, 2007. Teams will develop plans to address professional learning and school improvement needs within their building. Two key national resources will join our July meeting: Cathy Hamilton, a Ruby Payne trainer, and Larry Gloeckler, from Bill Daggett's International Center for Leadership in Education.

Most of the work will be done within building teams. There will also be times when small cross-team groups will meet to address specific planning issues, i.e., each member from a team would select from among several breakouts, and then report back to the home team what was relevant for the building's planning.

There will be hard work, concrete results, meaningful learning, quality networking, and most importantly, enhanced support for improved student performance. Please see the attached registration forms and additional material that highlights more specifically expected outcomes, team membership, and the sequence of events and their respective purposes. We look forward to your involvement in this effort.

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<sup>1</sup> Updated 4/13/06, allowing teams to have more than six members

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- The American Federation of Teachers—Michigan,
- The Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education,
- The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals,
- The Michigan Department of Education:
  - The Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services,  
and
  - The Office of School Improvement
- The Michigan Education Association,
- The Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, and
- The National Association of State Directors of Special Education,  
through an IDEA Partnership grant to the Michigan Department of  
Education.

We are sending this entire packet to you by e-mail to facilitate your sharing the materials with potential team members and small group co-facilitators. If you have questions about registration, please contact Dr. Doug McCall at (517) 327-5315 or [dougmc@michiganprincipals.org](mailto:dougmc@michiganprincipals.org). For other questions about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Fran Loose at (517) 241-4414, or [loosef@michigan.gov](mailto:loosef@michigan.gov).

Attachments:

*Reach and Teach for Learning* Basics  
Team Registration Cover Sheet  
Individual Participant Registration Form  
*Reach and Teach for Learning 2006* At a Glance  
Small Group Facilitator Nomination/Application Form